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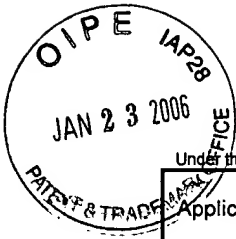
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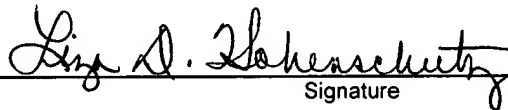
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2005, the time for a response to which is set to expire on January 19, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.